



Map 10 - Medfield, Walpole, Sharon - BAY CIRCUIT ROUTE northwest to southeast

Medfield: *continued from map 9. Distances approximate. Trail marking: white rectangular blazes. At turns 2 offset blazes are used; turn in direction of upper blaze*

A 0.0 Left onto Rocky Lane

0.35 Left onto Henderson Way, an overgrown dirt rd that eventually becomes a paved rd

0.5 Left onto Granite St

0.8 Right onto Forest St

1.2 Right onto Rte 27 (High St). Cross Rte 27 immediately; proceed about 0.1 mile. Just before Boston Edison utility lines overhead, turn left onto marked tr. Tr goes parallel to utility lines for a short stretch and then turns left into woods (look for blazes)

Follow blazed tr thru woods until reaching paved access road that leads to town water wells.

Right onto paved access rd, cross RR tracks, and continue to blazed tr on right that will lead to soccer fields

At soccer fields, turn left and walk along edge of fields toward school

At end of fields (near a wooden shed) take narrow paved access rd to Elm St

2.3 Right onto Elm St to Walpole town line, about 0.4 miles (Elm St becomes High St in Walpole).
(CAUTION: Elm St is narrow and winding as well as scenic)

Walpole: *Distances approximate. Trail marking: white rectangular blazes. At turns 2 offset blazes are used; turn in direction of upper blaze*

B 0.0 Enter Walpole at Medfield/Walpole town line at High St. Proceed briefly on High Street and turn right onto path at the Edison power line

Follow path uphill and downhill, then left onto a wooded trail that soon connects with the “**old Indian trail.**” This long winding trail follows a high esker and parallels Mine Brook, which is sometimes visible from the trail

At trail’s end leave the woods; turn left onto wide dirt rd past water treatment plant

1.4 Turn right onto Leonard Rd and follow to the end; then enter the woods on path. Trail bears right, then left, to head south toward Robbins Rd

C Right on Robbins Rd; pass the Eleanor Johnson Middle School (parking lots)

2.1 Left on Elm Street (Rt. 27); go one block, then right on Glenwood Ave (just after Dunlop Tire) for one block to Main St

2.5 Cross Main Street (Rte 1A) in downtown Walpole at the lights. Road becomes Stone St (restaurants, parking on Main St; police and fire stations on Stone St)

Continue straight on Stone St for one block, then left on School St briefly past the Carolyn Woodward Memorial Playground (parking & soda and juice machines) and Joe Morgan ballfield

2.8 Opposite Town Hall (restrooms during business hours), turn right onto trail beside **Memorial Pond** (parking, picnic tables). Trail skirts south side of pond

3.0 Turn right on Diamond St. Go one block

3.1 Turn left on Stone St; continue past Massachusetts Ave to **Clark Pond Conservation Area** (picnic tables)

3.4 Turn right onto trail along west side of Clark Pond (P= 20)

Go straight (southwest) on Lake St briefly

D 3.7 Cross Common St. Enter Walpole High School parking lot. Follow BCT blazes to the back of the school and into **Walpole Town Forest**. Follow the "river trail" parallel to Neponset River. Pass the old dam and waterfall (views). Follow blazes to 4-way tr jct

4.2 (BCT scenic spur trail to **Duffy Point** goes right, crosses White Bridge, and continues south on west side of river about .25 mile. Trail left in 200 yds offers view of the "old cemetery")

4.2 Main BCT goes straight. It is a wide trail thru Town Forest and is well blazed. Glimpses of the Neponset River can be seen on the right thru the forest. Exit the woods (pass a red brick building on left; Walpole Water Works and parking)

Turn right past the small pond; go thru the grey pipe gate; follow paved driveway past a small pond on left

Turn left onto wooded path that leads to paved driveway at Dept. of Public Works

Left onto driveway and thru the green gate

4.9 Cross Washington Street to wooded path (directly across from a fire hydrant) into **Town Forest**

Trail continues southerly in Town Forest, meandering thru wetland area. After crossing a seasonal brook, trail goes south/southwest. Turn left thru area of small scrub pines

Shortly, trail connects to an old gravel cart path. Turn left onto the cart path. At the fork, go either left or right; both trails intersect farther down the path. Cart path eventually veers left at jct with another path.

Continue south/southeast. Pass a large path on left and continue into a hemlock grove. Almost immediately, trail reaches the intersection of the original loop

Turn sharp right and head south. At high tension lines, leave the cart path, turn left and follow path under the wires to Rte 1

ABOUT HOW FAR ARE PEOPLE WALKING ALONG RTE 1?

ANY IDEA HOW FAR IT IS FROM 4-WAY TRAIL JCT IN TOWN FOREST TO RTE 1?

At Rte 1, turn right and walk along the grass strip to traffic light at Pine St

E Cross Rte 1 at the lights and follow Pine St east approximately 0.2 mile to Walpole/Sharon town line

Sharon: *BCT coincides with Warner Trail here for about 6 miles. Look for triangular Warner Trail markers. Trail is marked with BCT logos only occasionally. Moose Hill trails are marked by letters, corresponding to the trail map available at visitors center*

0.0 Pine St becomes S. Walpole St in Sharon (S. Walpole St crosses Rte I-95 via underpass and overpass)

After crossing Rte I-95, bear left at fork onto Pine St in Sharon

Look for Warner Trail marker indicating right turn onto trail or driveway

Follow Warner Trail markers to Old Post Rd (woods rd); left on woods rd 0.3 miles; right into woods to ascend Pierce Hill (views)

Descend Pierce Hill to northeast

1.75 Walpole St (no parking strictly enforced). Jct with Rte 1 is about 0.8 mile west.

Go left about 50 ft ; cross Walpole St and enter Moose Hill Sanctuary trail to Bluff Head

X 0.0 Trailhead of **Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary's** Bluff Head trail (Trail A). Left onto trail, ascending gradually then steeply to Bluff Head (views). BCT and Warner Trail continue to coincide

0.9 Continue on Trail A, descending from Bluff Head

1.2 Pass Trail F jct

1.3 Continue on Trail A past Trail C jct (BCT and Warner Trail continue on Trail A)

1.5 Pass other end of Trail F

1.6 At Trail O jct, BCT continues on Trail A about 0.9 miles, climbing steeply to summit of Moose Hill (fire tower), then descending steeply (still on Trail A) to visitors center. (Hikers wishing to avoid the steep climb may turn right onto Trail O, then right again where it rejoins Trail A to reach visitors center)

F 0.0 Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary visitors center: parking, restrooms, gift shop. Hikers should pay trail fee here (free for MA Audubon members; about \$3 for non-members)

From visitors center take Trail A south from parking lot briefly, then left toward Hobbs Hill

0.5 Continue on Trail A past Trail P jct

0.7 At Trail K jct, bear left on Trail A

0.8 At Trail H jct, bear right onto Trail H (Warner Tr continues straight on Trail A)

0.9 Trail H splits here: the less traveled right trail is longer (about 1 mile) and somewhat steeper

1.4 The two arms of Trail H join here. Continue more or less straight on unmarked trail toward paved road (Moose Hill Parkway). Right onto road. Visitors center and parking lot are about 0.6 mile to left. Leave MHWS. Parking is prohibited along this street

1.5 Immediately after Moose Hill Parkway crosses wetlands, take tr into woods. Tr crosses Beaver Brook, then parallels RR. When tr emerges on RR right of way, turn right and walk alongside tracks toward South Main St. *CAUTION: This is an active railroad. Stay clear of tracks.* Eventually this stretch will be moved away from RR into woods when a wetlands crossing is built

2.0 When So. Main St. RR overpass is in sight, look for trail leaving RR bed to the right. Follow tr a short distance to a clearing, then turn hard left on dirt rd *is this really a dirt rd, or a path? I don't remember* that leads to Farnum Rd. Follow Farnum Rd a short distance to So. Main St

2.1 Left on So. Main St to cross over RR tracks, then enter ballfield area of **Deborah Sampson Park** on other side of So. Main St

G 2.1 Cross the park easterly toward large buildings (former Catholic school). Take trail between buildings thru woodlands toward Beach St

This is a part I can picture only vaguely and only going in the reverse direction. Please correct the details so people can find the trail going from Main St toward the lake. Are there several trails in the woodlands here? If so, which to take?

2.6 Left on Beach St around northern end of **Lake Massapoag** (town beach; restrooms in summer) *Is there public parking here?*

2.8 At 5-way rd jct, cross the major st. Use sidewalk on east side of Massapoag Ave; walk parallel to lake shore about 1 mile *My maps are confusing; is this Pond St or Massapoag Ave?*

H 3.8 At jct of Massapoag Ave and Capen Hill Rd, bear right on small rd to Community Center (parking; restrooms when building is open)

3.9 From Community Center, follow trail thru Camp Gannet . . .

Here I'm lost in writing description. Not sure if you have permission to cross camp, which trail to follow, then there's a stretch in the woods, then a subdivision street (Horizons Rd?) that I remember you hoped to bypass with a trail on an easement thru the woods, then another stretch of woods where there was an easement issue that needed to be resolved, and eventually trail came out at jct K below. Please tell me what I should write here. If easement issues have not been resolved, do we simply tell BCT users to continue on Massapoag Ave to the Borderland trail at point K below? Is there a sidewalk on this part of Massapoag Ave? We can acknowledge that this is a temporary gap, if necessary, and just tell folks to pick up trail in Borderland

K . . . then emerge from woods at corner of Mansfield St and Massapoag Ave. Go left briefly on Massapoag Ave, cross street, and enter trail system of **Borderland State Park** (parking lot at state park entrance, one mile south on Massapoag Ave. Also restrooms and park maps)

(continued on map 11)